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## **LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**LINCOLN, RI 02865**

**DATE: June 11, 2007**

**TIME: 7:30 pm**

**PLACE: Lincoln Town Hall**

**100 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI**

**School Committee Members Present: Mary Ann Roll, Chair; Betty Robson, Vice Chair; John Zangari, Clerk; Richard Battistoni, Kristine Donabedian, Mary Varr, Julie Zito**

**Others Present: Georgia Fortunato, Superintendent, Lori Miller, Angelo Mencucci, Melinda Smith, Bruce Macksoud, Kevin McNamara, Benjamin Scungio, Esq, Linda Cliff, Margaret Knowlton, Mary Carvalho, Constance O'Riley**

### **Opening Ceremony**

**Roll reported the committee recessed from Executive Session and no decisions were made.**

### **Right To Be Heard**

**Roll noted that the topic indicated on the sign up sheet is not on the**

**agenda, therefore, that person can be heard under Community Comments.**

**Motion by Zangari to approve taking Recognition of Teacher Retirees out of order. Second by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Recognition of Teacher Retirees**

**Superintendent Fortunato commented on the years of service. She requested Principal Cliff to recognize Sue Ayotte, noting Ayotte was unable to attend. Roll also commented Ayotte's service and how she knew all her students and their parents. Principal Carvalho recognized Helen Boyd. Principal O'Riley recognized Joanne Caranci and Lou DiNoble and had students from Central Elementary speak about their teachers. Battistoni commented these two teachers were beloved at Saylesville Elementary as well and thanked them, noting they will be missed. Principal Knowlton Lynne Kania. Principal Martin recognized Eileen Rapose. Roll called a short break to honor the retirees.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**May 10, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes**

**May 10, 2007 Executive Session Minutes**

**May 21, 2007 Monthly Minutes**

**May 21, 2007 Executive Session Minutes**

**May 24, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. Robson noted**

**the location of the May 24th meeting was incorrect. Zangari asked to correct the spelling of Mary Varr's name and to note the May 10th Executive Session minutes were sealed in Open session. Motion to approve as amended by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Correspondence**

**Superintendent Fortunato reported she is sharing a packet of six letters received from Commissioner McWalters and congratulated the Principals, faculty and staff at the Fairlawn Early Learning Center, Northern Early Learning Center, Northern Elementary School, Central Elementary School, Lonsdale Elementary School and Saylesville Elementary School for being Regents Commended.**

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Recognition of Neil Letendre for First Place in Chorus Regional**  
**Superintendent Fortunato gave Mr. Martin a citation for Neil Letendre and the chorus for first place placement in Ohio.**

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### **Library Curriculum Revision**

**Superintendent Fortunato introduced Vivari who made a presentation on the school libraries. She introduced all the librarians. The power**

**point presentation showed how closely they work with every student in every school and with teachers, administration.**

### **Lincoln High School Student Update**

**Martin introduced Max Henault, Student Council President. Max reported they just held elections and are starting to plan next year's activities by looking at what was popular and what wasn't successful. They also will be having student mediators next year.**

### **Approval of Job Description for Secretary 1, Non-Instructional Operations**

**Superintendent Fortunato reported there was a revision to the job responsibilities, noting many jobs have changed. Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Rescission of Non-renewal Letters (see attached)/LOA Requests**

**Superintendent Fortunato recommended the rescission of Sue Lowes, Librarian; Mark Pelagalli, Physical Education and Michelle McRoberts, High School Art. Motion to approve by Robson. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Superintendent Fortunato recommended rescinding the Leave Of Absence approved April 6, 2007 for Diane Avery. Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Civic Use of Buildings**

## **Lifespan Community Health Services**

**This is for the High School auditorium. Motion to approve by Zangari.  
Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Personnel Recommendations**

#### **Teacher Appointment**

**Mark Doran To: Physics Teacher LHS**

**75 Veazie Street Effective: August 29, 2007**

**Providence, RI 02808 Salary: \$43.00 per hour**

**Motion to approve by Robson. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor.  
Motion carried. Mr. Doran was introduced.**

#### **SNAP Appointments**

**Donna Rowland To: SNAP Summer Program Teacher - NELC**

**181 Lake Street Effective: June 26, 2007 – July 26, 2007**

**Seekonk, M A 02771 Salary: \$43.00 per hour**

**Mary McGuinn (job share) To: SNAP Summer Program Teacher –  
NELC**

**33 Connors Farm Drive Effective: June 26, 2007 – July 26, 2007  
for 7 days in June**

**Smithfield, RI 02917 Salary: \$43.00 per hour**

**Margaret Schick (job share) To: SNAP Summer Program Teacher  
– NELC**

**4 Christopher Drive Effective: June 26, 2007 – July 26, 2007 for 8**

**days in June**

**Greenville, RI 02828 Salary: \$43.00 per hour**

**Janet Malenfant To: SNAP Summer Program Teacher – NELC**

**6 Birchwood Drive Effective: June 26, 2007 – July 26, 2007**

**Manville, RI 02838 Salary: \$43.00 per hour**

**Virgina St. Germain To: SNAP Summer Program Teacher – NELC**

**27 Pearl Street Effective: June 26, 2007 – July 26, 2007**

**Manville, ARI 02838 Salary: \$43.00 per hour**

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**Susan Rodrigues To: SNAP Summer Program Teacher – NELC**

**9 Brunswick Avenue Effective: June 26, 2007 – July 26, 2007**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$43.00 per hour**

**Sharon Holmes To: SNAP Program Teacher Assistant**

**8 Great Meadows Lane Effective: June 26, 2007 – July 26, 2007**

**Lincoln, RI 02864 Salary: Per contract**

**Motion by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Summer Literacy**

**Appointments**

**Kathy Plante To: Summer Literacy Program K Teacher – FELC  
15 Burlingame Road Effective: June 26, 2007 – July 26, 2007  
Smithfield, RI 02917 Salary: \$43.00 per hour**

**Laurie-Jean Ciosek To: Summer Literacy Program K Teacher –  
FELC**

**366 High Street Effective: June 26, 2007 – July 26, 2007  
Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$43.00 per hour**

**Susan Caswell To: Summer Literacy Program Teacher Asst. –  
FELC**

**57 Riverside Drive Effective: June 26, 2007 – July 26, 2007  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**

**Deborah Aldrich To: Summer Literacy Program Teacher Asst. –  
FELC**

**17 Keane Street Effective: June 26, 2007 – July 26, 2007  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$10.25/hour**

**Motion to approve by Zito. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion  
carried.**

## **ESY Appointments**

**Olutayo Elemo To: ESY Teacher (job share) - FELC  
26 Gemini Drive Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007  
East Providence, RI 02914 Salary: \$1,440.00**

**Kathleen McDonald To: ESY Teacher (job share) – FELC  
28 King Street Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007  
East Greenwich, RI 02818 Salary: \$1,440.00**

**Lisa Simonelli To: ESY Teacher – FELC  
3595 Post Road Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007  
Warwick, RI 02886 Salary: \$2,880.00**

**Gretchen Crawford To: ESY Teacher – FELC  
11 Brownehill Court Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary \$2,880.00**

**Alison Nelson To: ESY Teacher – FELC  
795 Wakefield Street Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007  
West Warwick, RI 02893 Salary: \$2,880.00**

**Brian Hodges To: ESY Teacher – FELC  
16 Justin Way Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007  
Cranston, RI 029810 Salary: \$2,880.00**

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**Joanne Fagnoli To: ESY Teacher – High School  
14 Countryside Drive Effective: July 2, 2007 - August 9, 2007**



**Johnston, RI 02919 Salary: \$4,320.00**

**Kelly Burrows To: ESY Teacher – High School**

**154 Bear Hill Drive Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**

**Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: \$4,320.00**

**Chris Jones To: ESY Teacher – High School**

**152 Vincent Avenue Effective: July 2, 2007 - August 9, 2007**

**North Providence, RI 02904 Salary: \$4,320.00**

**Patricia Kilsey To: ESY Teacher – High School**

**20 Sylvia Lane Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$4,320.00**

**Megan Reynolds To: ESY Teacher – FELC**

**39 Hunter's Run Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**

**North Providence, RI 02904 Salary: \$4,320.00**

**Catherine Villeneuve To: ESY Program Nurse – Systemwide**

**45 Enfield Street Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**

**Pawtucket, RI 02861 Salary: \$4,320.00**

**Amy Rotondo To: Speech/Language Pathologist – Systemwide**

**72 Winona Street Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**

**Providence, RI 02904 Salary: \$4,320.00**

**Anne Bibeault To: Speech/Language Pathologist – Systemwide  
34 Marion Avenue Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007  
Cranston, RI 02905 Salary: \$4,320.00**

**Mary Ann Canning-McComiskey To: Social Worker – Systemwide  
985 Great Road Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: \$4,320.00**

**Margret Brandt To: Teacher Assistant – FELC  
8 Laurel Lane Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007  
Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**

**Robin St. Pierre To: Teacher Assistant – FELC  
127 Chestnut Street Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007  
Manville, RI 02938 Salary: \$10.25/hr**

**Elaine Sullivan To: Teacher Assistant – FELC  
22 Joyce Ann Drive Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007  
Manville, RI 02938 Salary: \$10.25/hr**

**Cheryl McComiskey To: Teacher Assistant – FELC  
54 West Cole Street Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007  
Pawtucket, ARI 02860 Salary: Per contract**

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**Karen Votta To: Teacher Assistant – FELC**

**22 Washington Street Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**

**North Providence, RI 02904 Salary: Per contract**

**Kelly Lariviere To: Teacher Assistant – FELC**

**72 Whipple Road Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**

**Smithfield, RI 02917 Salary: Per contract**

**Jeanne LaFond To: Teacher Assistant – FELC**

**342 Old River Road Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**

**Manville, RI 02838 Salary: Per Contract**

**Donna Spino To: Teacher Assistant – FELC**

**16 Red Chimney Drive Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**

**Jolene Rogers To: Teacher Assistant – High School**

**82 Rhode Island Avenue Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**

**Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: Per contract**

**Donna McShane To: Teacher Assistant – High School**

**1436 Louisquissett Pike Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**

**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**

**Mary Amaral To: Teacher Assistant – High School**  
**40 Williams Street Effective July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**  
**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**

**Mary Boston To: Teacher Assistant – High School**  
**14 Oakwood Avenue Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**  
**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**

**Susan White To: Teacher Assistant – High School**  
**89 Richard Street Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**  
**Cranston, RI 02910 Salary: Per contract**

**Kerri LaBerge To: Teacher Assistant – High School**  
**12 Middle Street Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**  
**Cumberland, RI 02864 Salary: Per contract**

**Cheryl Maxwell To: Job Coach – High School**  
**380 Great Road Effective: July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**  
**Lincoln, RI 02865 Salary: Per contract**

**Motion by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Stephanie LaPlante To: Speech/Language Pathologist – Systemwide**

**278 High Street Effective July 2, 2007 – August 9, 2007**  
**Wakefield, RI 02879 Salary \$4,320.00**

**Withdrawn.**

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**Teacher Appointments**

**Susan Kolenda   To:   .2Exhibition Teacher – High School  
207 Tomahawk Trail   Effective: 4/13/07 – 6/20/07  
Cranston, RI 02921   Salary:   B1 \$1,739.99**

**Motion to approve by Robson.   Seconded by Zangari.   All in favor.  
Motion carried.**

**Extension of LTS Assignment**

**Allison Mills   Position:   FELC K-1 General Educator  
16 Westwood Road   For:   LTS for Rebecca Deady  
Lincoln, RI 02865   Effective   April 9, 2007 – May 25, 2007**

**Anna Maria Abrams   Position:   Middle School Math Grade 8  
17 Secluded Court   For:   LTS for Kristen Lowe**

**Cumberland, RI 02864   Effective:   August 29, 2007 – October 5,  
2007**

**Motion to approve by Robson.   Seconded   by Zangari.   All in favor.  
Motion carried.**

## **Leave of Absence**

**Sara-Jean Stevens Position: Psychologist – High School/Middle School**

**41 Becker Avenue For: Maternity – Paid**

**Riverside, RI 02915 Effective: August 29, 2007 – October 5, 2007**

**Motion to approve by Robson. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor.  
Motion carried.**

**Elizabeth McGarry Position: Grade 6 Science Teacher – Middle School**

**15 Lincoln Drive For: Maternity – Paid 10/15/07 – 11/23/07**

**North Smithfield, RI 02896 Childrearing – Unpaid 11/27/07 – end  
of 07-08 SY**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor.  
Motion carried.**

**Award of Bids – None.**

## **Salary Warrants**

**Superintendent Fortunato reported Miller was unable to attend and  
will have a financial report for the June 18th meeting.**

**May 10, 2007 \$1,131,662.95**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Zito. All in favor. Motion  
carried.**

**May 24, 2007 \$1,129,044.16**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson.**

**May 31, 2007 \$167,109.39**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson.**

### **Expense Warrants**

**June 11, 2007 \$978,710.30**

**Motion to approve by Zangari. Seconded by Robson. All in favor, with Zito recusing herself. Motion carried.**

**Old Business – None.**

### **New Business**

#### **Graduation Requirements Policy – 1st Reading**

**Motion to remove from the table by Battistoni. Seconded by Zangari.**

**All in favor. Motion carried.**

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**Motion to waive reading of the policy by Zito. Seconded by Zangari.**

**All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Battistoni gave a history of the policy stating students were graduating without having knowledge of certain things, there had been a decline in test scores and the Department of Education issued new regulations for high school reform. These reforms begin to take place with the class of 2008 and requirements include demands in proficiency, portfolio and NECAP assessments. Motion to accept the policy as presented by Battistoni. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **Home School Request – Mrs. Jones**

**Motion to approve for this year by Zangari. Seconded by Battistoni. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **School Committee Reports**

**Roll reported on a drill at the high school in which she has been working with the fire chiefs, police department and members of the school department to beef up procedures. She is looking forward to the same drill at the middle school. Zangari asked if there was a speaker on the outside. Martin explained there isn't but they are looking at a Homeland Security grant.**

### **Community Comments**

**Debra Reddy commented on the involuntary transfer of Diane Walker asked for reconsideration. Carol McCourt made the same request, noting Walker touched everyone at Northern. Barbara Monegan made similar comments. Lucia and Melissa Walker, Diane's daughters,**



**spoke on behalf of their mother, who loves her job as a Librarian.**

**Roll welcomed Superintendent Fortunato and wished the retirees the best. She expressed heartfelt concerns for Walker, but noted the displacement language has been a part of the contract language for a long time and is confident all will do a great job. One union member thanked the administration because this was the first time they have been asked to sit at the table and be part of the decision. Bratter stated they tried to make this as painless as possible, but had to do what was right for the union membership. The Superintendent referenced page 54 of the contract and explained the language of dual certifications. She offered to meet with a grade five teacher who had some concerns. McComiskey noted a year ago the issue of displacement and dual certification was brought to a vote and it was overwhelmingly voted to keep it.**

**Roll asked for a moment of silence for Mary Ann McComiskey's father.**

**Motion by Zangari to recess to Executive Session at 9:20 p.m..  
Seconded by Donabedian. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Zangari to reconvene Open Session at 9:58 p.m. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Roll reported they voted in Executive Session on a grievance and voted to sustain the Superintendent's recommendation.**

**Motion by Robson to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Sarah Rawlinson to the position of Assistant Principal at Lincoln High School, effective July 2, 2007. Seconded by Zangari. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Zangari to adjourn Open Session at 10:01 p.m. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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**JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK**

**DATE**